

VZCZCXYZ0003  
PP RUEHWEB

DE RUEHUM #0285 1360441  
ZNR UUUUU ZZH  
P 160441Z MAY 07  
FM AMEMBASSY ULAANBAATAR  
TO RUEHC/SECSTATE WASHDC PRIORITY 1107  
INFO RUCNDT/USMISSION USUN NEW YORK PRIORITY 0480  
RUEHGV/USMISSION GENEVA 0294  
RUEHKS/AMEMBASSY MINSK 0009  
RUEHBJ/AMEMBASSY BEIJING 5557  
RUEHUL/AMEMBASSY SEOUL 2752  
RUEHKO/AMEMBASSY TOKYO 2485  
RUEHFR/AMEMBASSY PARIS 0036

UNCLAS ULAANBAATAR 000285

SIPDIS

SENSITIVE  
SIPDIS

E.O. 12958: N/A  
TAGS: [PHUM](#) [PREL](#) [UNHRC](#) [MG](#) [BO](#)  
SUBJECT: Mongolia Undecided on UNHRC Vote, But Mulling Belarus Offer

Ref: State 63345

Sensitive But Unclassified -- Not for Internet distribution.

¶1. (SBU) E/P Chief met on May 15 with MFA Director for Multilateral Relations Ms. Enkhtsetseg and drew on reftel points to urge that Mongolia cast its vote for Slovenia and Bosnia, and to not vote for Belarus to join the UN Human Rights Council.

¶2. (SBU) Enkhtsetseg responded that Mongolia had heard that Bosnia intended to run for the Council, but so far nothing official had been received in Ulaanbaatar or New York. She stated that Mongolia had not yet decided how to vote, but was mulling an offer from Belarus to support the Mongolian candidate for UNESCO, former Foreign Minister Erdenchuluun, if Mongolia supports the UNHRC bid of Belarus.

¶3. (SBU) E/P Chief responded that, in view of Mongolia's role as a fellow Convening Group member of the Community of Democracies, the U.S. especially hopes for leadership from Mongolia on the UNHRC candidates: Belarus is not a suitable candidate for the Council in view of the recent UN General Assembly criticism of its human rights record. Regarding Erdenchuluun's UNESCO candidacy, E/P chief continued, while the U.S. had a firm policy of not stating which candidates it intended to support, Embassy Ulaanbaatar had sent favorable comments on him to the State Department. Enkhtsetseg expressed appreciation.

Goldbeck